

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DOCUMENTATION OF PAINTINGS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether about 4000 miniatures and portraits of various Art Schools dating from the 14th century exist at the Raza Library in Rampur;
- (b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to document and preserve them and also make them available in printed form;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Yes sir.

(b) to (d) The photo documentation of the miniature paintings is nearing completion. Also, the images of these paintings have been scanned and digitized. 157 damaged miniatures and portraits have been scientifically restored since 1995. The Rampur Raza Library has so far published 218 selected miniatures. Another catalogue of 157 paintings of Akbar's album titled 'Tilism' has been completed and is ready for publication. The work relating to conservation, preservation, documentation and publication is an ongoing process.